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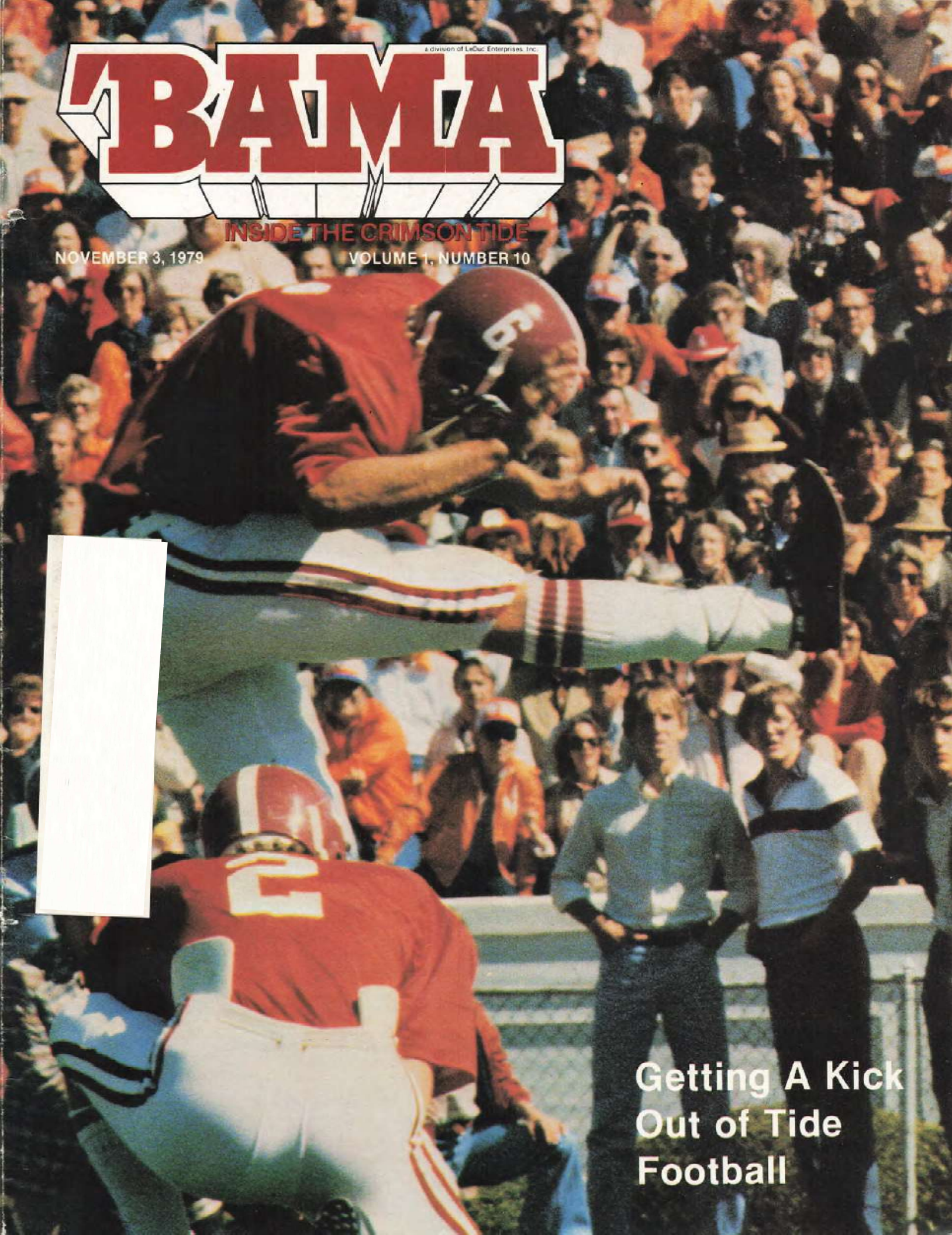

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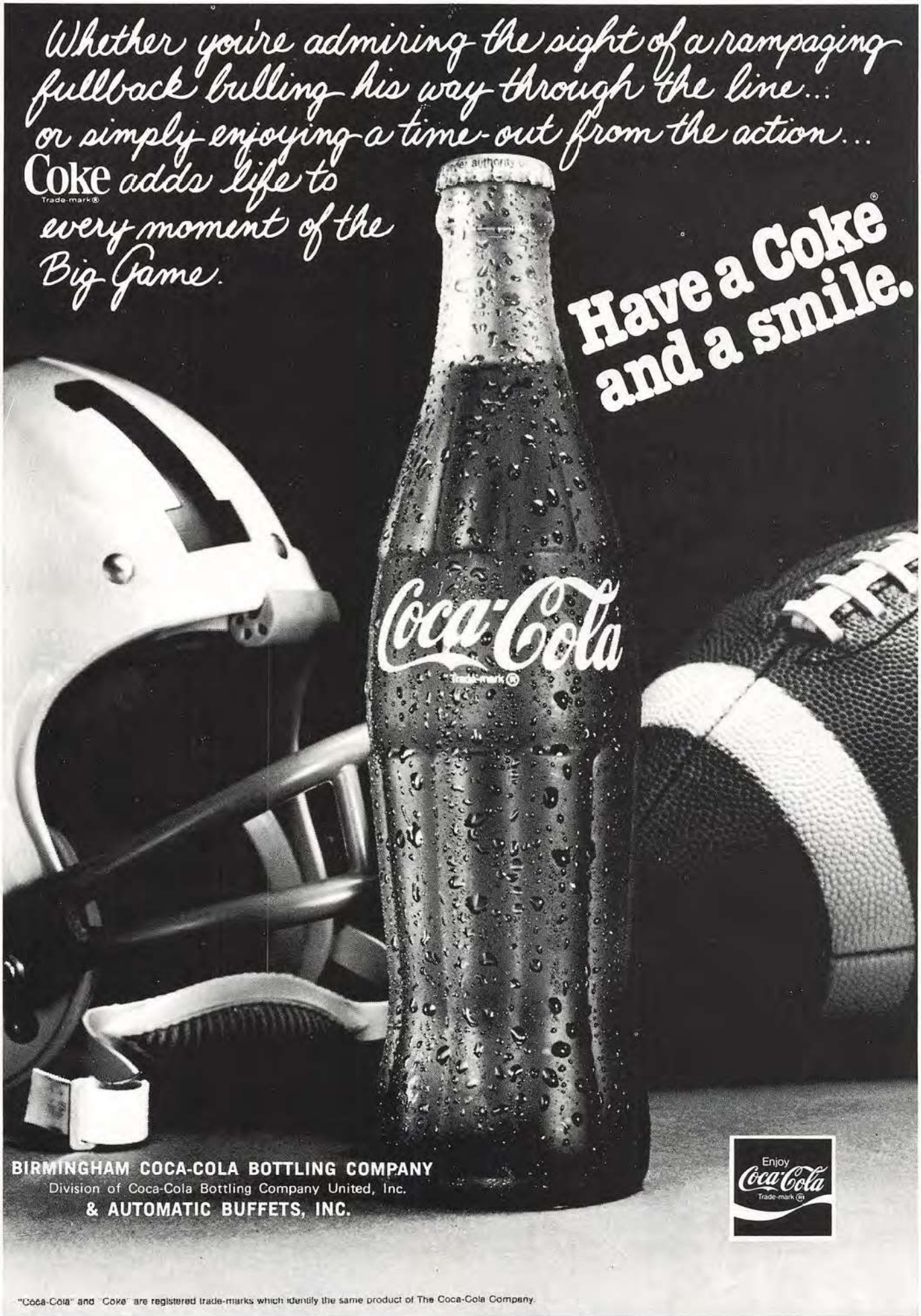
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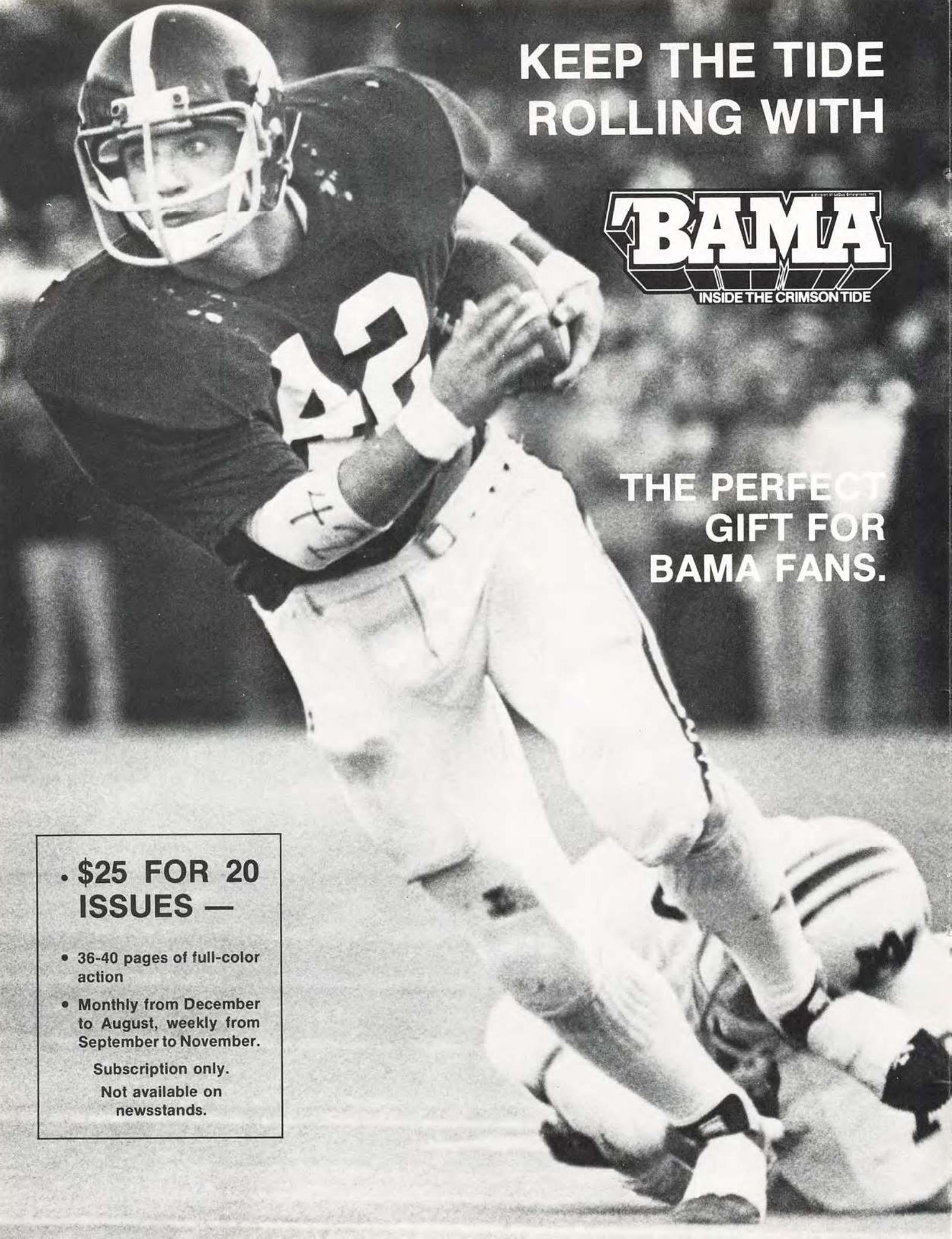
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A Win, But Not Entertainment

by Kirk McNair

It may not have qualified for "Entertainment, 1979," but it did suffice for victory number seven of the year. Alabama's Saturday win over Virginia Tech was respectable enough for the nation's top-ranked team, but it was far from awesome. It was about the same as you taking the family station wagon out to race against A. J. Foyt with his race car running on six cylinders. A. J. would probably still beat you, but it would be closer than expected.

Alabama as a team was handicapped at least that much and still managed a 31-7 victory over the Gobblers, giving the Tide a 10-0 record against Virginia Tech in a series that now ceases. It was also the 22nd consecutive homecoming victory for Bama (not coincidentally the same number of years that Paul "Bear" Bryant has been head coach of the Crimson Tide), Alabama's national-leading 16th straight victory, and 47th straight win in Bryant-Denny Stadium.

But the milestone of note was that it was Alabama's 200th victory under coach Bryant. Only two other coaches have won 200 or more games at the same school, Amos Alonzo Stagg (244-111-24 at the University of Chicago) and Woody Hayes (205-61-10 at Ohio State). Coach Bryant's Alabama record is now 200-38-8.

Coach Bryant, of course, is chasing Stagg in the quest for all-time college victories, needing 24 to take first place. Coach Bryant's overall record in 34-plus years as a head coach is 291-77-16. Isn't it nice to know that when he gets that record towards the end of 1981 that he'll still have two more years to coach in order to become the winningest coach at one school. As if he'll need an incentive to keep coaching.

Saturday was an outstanding example of why Alabama keeps winning. Key Tiders were held out of the Virginia Tech game in order to insure their availability for upcoming games against stronger competition, beginning this week with Mississippi State, a team always tough against Bama.

Some 10 Tiders who have started—including five who definitely would have been in the opening lineup if they had been healthy—did not see action against Virginia Tech. Most notable area of absence was offensive halfback where five of Alabama's top six, including everyone who has started at halfback this year, did not play. Major Ogilvie and Billy Jackson were dressed for action, but not in the plans. Mark Nix, Joe Jones and Mitch Ferguson did not even dress for the game. Jackson and Ferguson have hamstring problems, Nix a bum knee, Jones a badly bruised thigh and Ogilvie a stomach pain that is aggrevated by running.

Other starters not playing were offensive guard Mike Brock (hip pointer), defensive end Gary DeNIro (knee) and, of course, split end Keith Pugh (shoulder separation that has him at least three more weeks away from playing).

Probably a key injury was a freak incident early last week. Fullback Charlie Williams (a redshirt freshman) had been expected to see plenty of duty against Virginia Tech. However, he woke up Wednesday morning with a tightened thigh and was unable to play. That pressed another man into the fray who probably would not have played had Williams been

Left, soph running back James Haney drew his first starting assignment for Bama Saturday against Virginia Tech as the Crimson Tide played without a number of regulars. Right, the Alabama defense makes its presence felt as Randy Scott (50), E. J. Junior (39) and Wayne Hamilton collapse around this Virginia Tech running back.
—Photo by Spectrum-Southeast

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able to go. Steve Whitman has a groin injury but was forced into action because the only other fullback available was John Hill.

Thus a spot that has been a traditional strength for Bama — depth in the running backs corps— was woefully thin.

Starters at halfback Saturday were soph James Haney and freshman Jeff Fagan. Both gave good effort, as did backup men Kenny Simon (freshman) and Ben Orcutt (soph making his first appearance after having been out since before the season opener with a dislocated shoulder). But it would not be realistic to say that it was the same Bama offense without the likes of Ogilvie and Jackson. There were several occasions of missed assignments and bad timing, as would be expected. But Tide players, if no one else, appreciated the performances of the young running backs, particularly the effort. And the feeling is that the experience they gained will pay off in the future.

Fagan and Simon both came within inches of breaking long runs. One of these days they will break into the secondary and show speed that Alabama fans (and opponents) have not seen before.

Coach Bryant has cried "wolf" so many times on injuries there's a tendancy to be skeptical of his injury lists before a game; and because several of the Tiders who didn't play Saturday probably could have if needed, it may be that things are not as bad as they seem. But there are areas of concern. Alan Gray, who can play quarterback, split end, or running back, suffered a hamstring pull in a workout in shorts Thursday before the Virginia Tech game. Byron Braggs, one of the few healthy Bama defensive down linemen going into the game, hurt his knee against Gobblers. Nevertheless, it appeared that the Tide came out of the Tech game without severe injuries, which had not been the case following the Florida and Tennessee games.

The injury situation is not unique to Alabama. A pro scout in Tuscaloosa a few days before the Virginia Tech game said that every team he had seen in the last few weeks had been decimated by injuries. This week's opponent, Mississippi State, looks like a hospital ship compared to Alabama.

When Bama meets State at 1:30 p.m.

Top, quarterback Steadman Shealy was the leading offensive producer Saturday for Bama against Virginia Tech. The senior had two rushing touchdowns. Below, it was homecoming at Alabama and the Crimson Tide could not have asked for a more welcome alumnus than former great linebacker LeeRoy Jordan.

—Photo by Spectrum-Southeast

Saturday in Tuscaloosa the Tide will have a chance to win its 21st consecutive Southeastern Conference game, which would be a new record. Tennessee had won 20 in a row, 1937-40, before Alabama handed the Vols a 9-2 setback to end the streak early in 1941. Bama won 20 in a row, 1973-75, lost to Ole Miss to open the 1976 season. The Tide is also going for an incredible 22nd straight win over State.

There may have been another reason for it, but both the Bryant-Denny public address announcer on Saturday and coach Bryant on his television show Sunday referred to Virginia Tech as "Florida State." Indeed, for awhile Saturday the Alabama-VPI game was remindful of the near-disaster of 1974 when number one ranked Alabama escaped by the barest of margins, 8-7, over winless Florida State. The Gobblers took the opening kickoff and ate up nine and a half minutes of the clock with a drive that finally ended with a terrific interception on the part of Tommy Wilcox in the Tide end zone.

The drive was helped along by a horrible official's ruling, flagging Bama's Don McNeal for roughing the kicker when he was clearly blocked into the punter.

Nevertheless, the Tide was not sharp in the early going. The defense spent so much time on the field that it was worn out early. Coach Bryant tried to substitute the backup defense on Virginia Tech's second possession, but the number two unit had no luck stopping the Gobblers and the front liners had to return to action.

For the third straight week backup quarterback Don Jacobs ignited the Tide offense. Prior to the Tennesse game it had been reported that number one quarterback Steadman Shealy had bad biorythms, a theory of mental, physical and emotional well-being based on birthdate. Whether there is anything to it or not, Steadman did not have a good game against the Vols. However, despite the rocky start against Virginia Tech Shealy had a good game against the Gobblers. But it was Jacobs who put the first points up.

Jacobs had a 21-yard run that got the Tide out of a hole, then connected on a 48-yard touchdown pass to redshirted freshman Keith Marks, who was starting at split end, for a touchdown. It was Marks' (who is the son of Tide receiver coach Bobby Marks) first college reception. Oddly, his first reception as a high school player at Tuscaloosa, playing in Bryant-Denny Stadium, had also been for TD.

Tech may have experienced *deja vu* in that Bama ran out the clock in the second half with a touchdown drive of 13 plays covering 72 yards to get that important score just before intermission. Shealy did the honors this time, going 14 yards for the six points with only 51 seconds remaining in the half. The same thing happened to the Gobblers last year when Alabama scored a 35-0 victory.

As is often pointed out, coach Bryant also considers the early going in the third quarter important to establishing who has control of a game. For the second straight week Bama came out to start the second half only to give the ball away, this time on a fumble. However, when the Tide got back on offense Shealy directed a fine 12-play, 80-yard drive that he capped with a six-yard run around left end. Virginia Tech appeared to have a mixup on its defensive assignments in that all secondary men were out of the defensive right

The nation's number one ranked team goes to the arena to defend its rating against Virginia Tech Saturday. As usual, homecoming included much hoopla; and, also as usual, the Tide provided returning alumni with a football victory.
—Photo by Spectrum-Southeast

sector, leaving Shealy a clear path to the end zone after he got around end.

About the only thing that really excited the Alabama crowd Saturday was the opportunity for a goalline strand. Alas, the faithful were disappointed. Tech quarterback Mke Casey completed four straight passes, including a 30-yarder when Tide defensive back Jim Bob Harris slipped, and a roughing the passer call against Bama set VPI up with a first down at the Alabama three. On second down the Gobblers abandoned shots at the middle of the Tide defense, Casey slipping around right end for the touchdown.

The Gobblers felt they were still in the game at this point, but as one of them said later, "Alabama just waits for you to make a mistake and then beats you." Tech made a mistake, helped along by Wayne Hamilton and E. J. Junior. Hamilton crashed and forced a bad pitch and Junior recovered at the VPI six-yard line. Three plays later Fagan had his first college touchdown. Bama finished the scoring with a mid-fourth quarter field goal of 23 yards by Alan McElroy.

Alabama did not appear to have an involved game plan for the Gobblers, probably deciding to keep it simple for the benefit of those opposing coaches who will be viewing films in an attempt to upset the Tide. Nevertheless, there were impressive moments. Wayne Hamilton has been improving by leaps and bounds each week at what he does best, turning in the big play. In addition to forcing the fumble that led to the win-insuring touchdown, Hamilton had an important sack as VPI gambled on fourth and two early in the fourth quarter, trailing by only two touchdowns. Byron Braggs played a little better than he has been playing. The interception by Wilcox was as fine as one will ever see, a great recovery to get to the football and then a juggling act as he fell, finally gaining control.

It should come as no surprise that two Virginians in the Alabama lineup, center Dwight Stephenson and offensive tackle Jim Bunch, graded very well. It would have been a surprise if they hadn't since they do every game. There was another Tider with a Virginia background seeing duty and it meant a great deal to him. Ben Orcutt now lives in Illinois, but the soph running back lived in Roanoke for several years and has friends playing for Virginia Tech. After having missed the first six games "I was anxious to get in against any team, but it feels particularly good to have my first game against sort of a homestate team." Orcutt ordinarily works at left halfback but was moved to right half with so many injuries at that spot.

Although the Tide finally worked 56 of the 79 men who dressed into the game,

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depth was not really a factor. Bama simply did not have enough experienced hands available to overwhelm Virginia Tech with numbers.

The general feeling among Alabama players following the game was that Virginia Tech had a better team than expected and a very good plan and that Bama played well in the second half to get the win. "But," as major Ogilvie said, "we've got to get back to practice and start going back upfield again."

TIDE NOTES—Players and coaches agreed that the distractions of homecoming, following on the heels of the big come from behind win over Tennessee, may have had players' minds distracted from Virginia tech. Among those homecoming events was an appearance in concert by Bob Hope, who did a sketch with Joe Namath and coach Bryant that was filmed for use on a Bob Hope special on November 19. . .Although LSU was defeated by Florida State Saturday, the odds still favor an Alabama-LSU television game, which would move the night contest in Tiger Stadium to a day game, possibly as early as 11:30 a.m. CST air time and noon kickoff. . .Alabama had some 15 prospects on official visits Saturday. Signing date is December 8 for Southeastern Conference letters-of-intent. A future 'BAMA will take a look at some of the top prospects on Alabama's mind.

ALABAMA STATISTICS VS. VIRGINIA TECH

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Shealy	13	97	5	92	2	18
Jacobs	13	84	8	76	0	21
Hill	8	54	0	54	0	24
Whitman	10	48	0	48	0	11
Simon	6	26	0	26	0	13
Haney	7	21	1	20	0	8
Fagan	6	18	2	16	1	8
Orcutt	6	13	0	13	0	3
BAMA TOTALS	69	361	16	345	3	24
VPI TOTALS	41	135	45	90	1	15

PASSING	Att-Comp-Int	Yards	TD	Long
Shealy	2 - 2 - 0	38	0	28
Jacobs	3 - 1 - 1	48	1	48
BAMA TOTALS	5 - 3 - 1	86	1	48
VPI TOTALS	17 - 8 - 1	88	0	31

RECEIVING	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Marks	2	76	1	48
Travis	1	10	0	10

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Umphrey	2	73	36.5	40
VPI TOTALS	6	270	45.0	76

ALL RETURNS	Punts No.	Punts Yds.	Kickoffs No.	Kickoffs Yds.	Int'c'ns No.	Int'c'ns Yds.
Wilcox	2	2			1	0
White	1	1				
McNeal			1	7		
Clements			1	(-3)		
BAMA TOTALS	3	3	2	4	1	0
VPI TOTALS	0	0	2	15	1	2

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	--	Final
Alabama	0	14	7	10	--	31
Virginia Tech	0	0	7	0	--	7

SCORING:

Ala -- Marks, 48 Jacobs pass (McElroy kick)
Ala -- Shealy, 14 rush (McElroy kick)
Ala -- Shealy, 6 rush (McElroy kick)
VPI -- Casey, 1 rush (Laury kick)
Ala -- Fagan, 2 rush (McElroy kick)
Ala -- McElroy, 33 field goal

DEFENSE LEADERS	Solo	Assist	Total
Boyd	6	5	11
Hamilton	3	6	9
Junior	6	0	6
Braggs	5	1	6
McNeal	3	3	6

TEAM STATISTICS	BAMA	VPI
First Downs	23	13
Rushing	20	5
Passing	3	6
Penalty	0	2
Total Offensive Plays	74	58
Total Net Yards	431	178
Average Gain Per Play	5.82	3.07
Fumbles-Lost	6-2	3-1
Penaltics-Yards	5-55	1-5
Time Of Possession	33:18	26:42
Third Down Conversions	11-13	6-14

COACH BRYANT ON BAMA

"I don't think we went forward against Virginia Tech, but I don't think we went backward under the circumstances. We had to prepare and we had to play without so many injured players. If I'm not mistaken we played without ten men who have started for us at one time or another. Fortunately, we came out of the Virginia Tech game without serious new injuries. I think we will get five or six of those who have been hurt back this week. We need to get everyone back, get them working together and ready for these last games, which are very important to us.

"Homecoming is a special time around the Alabama campus. There's so much going on that it's hard for everyone to keep their minds on the football game, and I guess that was part of our problem. It didn't seem like our team had much intensity, but I think our team wanted to win, wanted to put on a good show for the homecoming crowd, and we had enough pride. We weren't all fired up; I didn't expect us to be after the Tennessee game last week. You can't be up every week.

"I think our halfbacks played very well under the circumstances. Some of them hadn't played at all and some have played a total of about 25 minutes. We were in worse shape at fullback. I don't know what we would have done if Steve Whitman hadn't played.

"Virginia Tech was a well-coached football team. They are better than their record and better than the credit given them. They played hard all the way. I would have been glad to settle for a one-point win, but fortunately we got a few more than that.

"We've got something bigger this week. Mississippi State gained more ground on us last year than anyone else. They have the greatest receiver in America in Mardye McDole. They have a lot of great athletes. They have been on-again and off-again and this is their week to be on."

ALABAMA DEPTH CHART VS. VIRGINIA TECH

Although Alabama used 56 men against Virginia Tech, including 10 true freshmen and eight redshirted freshmen, the total is slightly misleading as many below the first two teams did not play until very late. Bama had dressed 79 for the game, used 26 on offense, 25 on defense and six on specialty teams. Starters are listed first, no one listed at more than one spot.

OFFENSE

Split End: Keith Marks, Tim Clark, Ry Ogilvie
Left Tackle: Eddie McCombs, Vince Cowell
Left Guard: Buddy Aydelette, Scott Allison
Center: Dwight Stephenson, Joe Robbins, Steve Mott
Right Guard: Vince Boothe, Gary Bramblett
Right Tackle: Jim Bunch, Wiley Barnes, Bill Searcey
Tight End: Tim Travis, Bart Krout, Larry Brown
Quarterback: Steadman Shealy, Don Jacobs
Left Halfback: James Haney, Ken Simon
Right Halfback: Jeff Fagan, Ben Orcutt
Fullback: Steve Whitman, John Hill

DEFENSE

Left End: Wayne Hamilton, Mike Pitts
Left Tackle: Byron Braggs, Jackie Cline
Middle Guard: Warren Lyles, Curtis McGriff, Doug Collins
Right Tackle: David Hannah, Russ Wood
Right End: E. J. Junior, John Mauro
Strongside Linebacker: Randy Scott, Ricky Rozzell
Weakside Linebacker: Thomas Boyd, Robbie Jones
Left Halfback: Don McNeal, Jeremiah Castille, Jerrill Sprinkle
Right Halfback: Mike Clements, Benny Perrin
Strong Safety: Tommy Wilcox, Bobby Smith
Safety: Ricky Tucker, Jim Bob Harris

SPECIALTY TEAMS

Punter: Woody Umphrey
Placekicker: Alan McElroy
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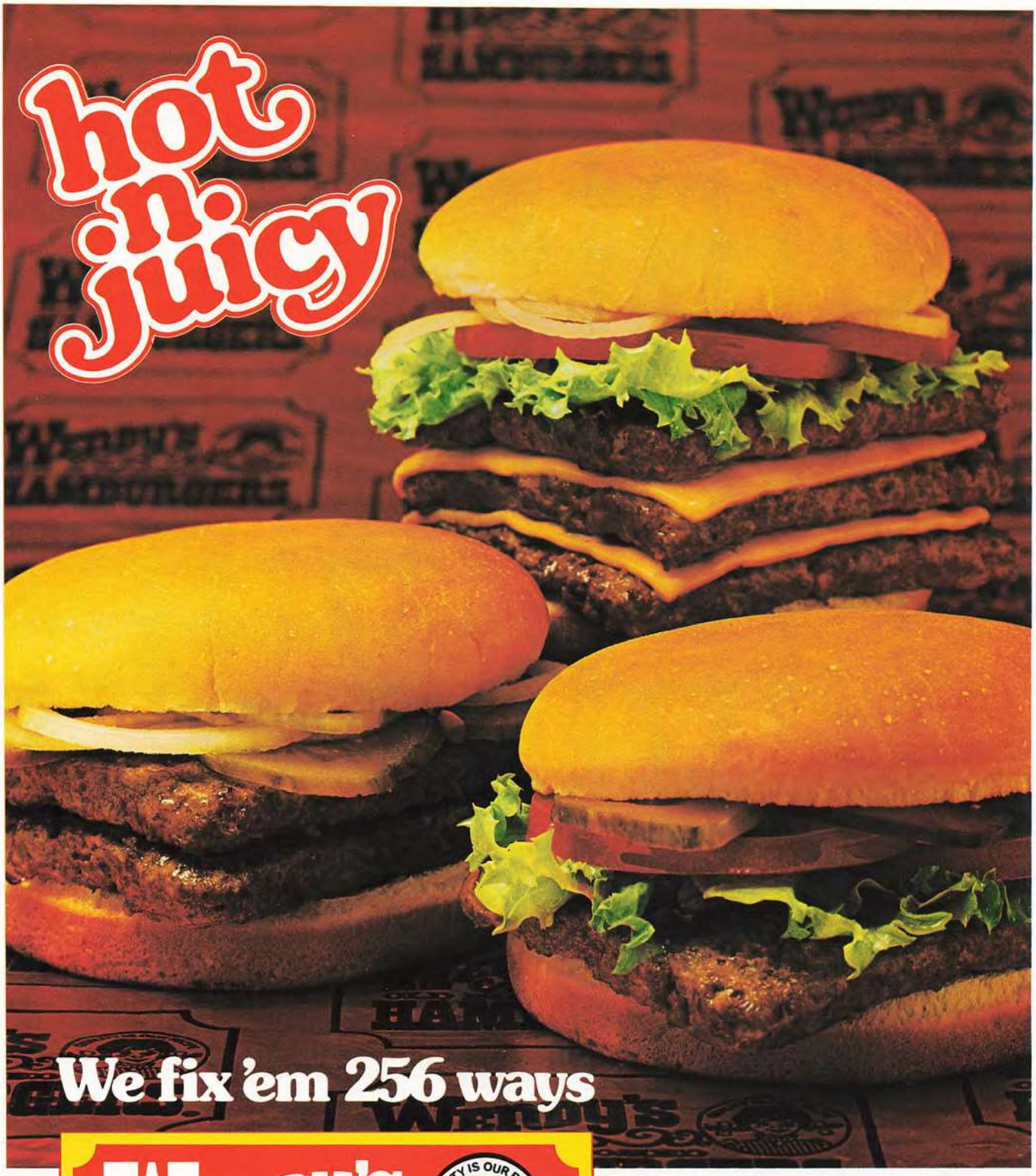
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THE SPECIALISTS:

They Give The Tide A Kick

by Mike Bolton

The projectors are whirring and the stopwatches are clicking. The coaches squint through the darkness to see what information the gadget in their hand reveals.

Barry Smith sends the ball through his legs with a spiral that lands perfectly in Woody Umphrey's hands. The watch says 0.7. Not bad. Nearly perfect, in fact.

A flip of the switch and the projector is in reverse now. The ball travels unnaturally from Umphrey's hands to Smith, who catches it between his legs. The coaches check their watches again. For the second time the watches read 0.7. Nearly perfect.

This time the coaches time Umphrey. He touches the ball and the clock starts. The ball leaves his foot and the clock stops. It reads 1.3 seconds. The coaches nod their approval.

The projector is kicked in reverse and Umphrey appears to catch a pass that bounces off his foot. It is thrown into forward again and a clock recheck shows another 1.3.

This time the coaches clock the ball as it leaves Umphrey's foot. The clock says it travels in the air 4.1 seconds. "You can't beat that," Alabama assistant coach Jack Rutledge beams.

Rutledge was asked to make sense of what the visitor had just seen.

"We break our kicking game down to parts of a second and I think that is one reason our kicking teams are so successful," the mastermind of Alabama's kicking game explained.

"We set up minimums each part of the process must strive to achieve. The snapperbacks must get the ball the 15 yards back to the punter between six-tenths and eight-tenths second and Barry has it down to seven-tenths everytime.

"We want the punter to have the ball off his foot within two seconds of when the ball is snapped so that gives him a little over a second to get it away after he gets it," Rutledge explained further.

"We then strive for at least a four-second hang time (the time the ball takes to leave the punter's foot and reach the receiver). If we put those things together, we have a winning punting team."

Why those numbers?

"Add them up," Rutledge said. "We have six seconds from the time the ball is snapped until the receiver touches it. We don't have anyone on the punting team who can't run under a five-second 40-yard dash. That means each player can bump his man for one second, then release down field and get there when the ball does."

How well does the system work?

Alabama's first five opponents attempted only four punt returns and they gained just nine yards in returns.

"Offense, defense and the kicking game are equal thirds in football," Alabama coach Paul Bryant has said many times. While other teams think of the kicking teams as the suicide squads and dummy teams, Alabama instills pride in its kicking teams and uses many of its best players on the squads. Coach Bryant means what he says.

"We use our defensive ends, linebackers and secondary people on the punting teams because they are used to containing and open field tackling," Rutledge explained.

"We're not afraid to use our best players on the kicking teams. I don't see how any team could not afford to. I think the kicking game can contribute to winning or losing a football game just as much as the offense and defense can."

Major Ogilvie is a good case in point. He had a touchdown saving tackle against Auburn on a kickoff return last season.

Very few teams put the emphasis and the time that Alabama puts into its kicking game. Thus, Alabama can do a lot of things out of the formations in kicking situations that other teams cannot afford to do.

"Coach Bryant controls everything about the kicking game in the way of decisions," Rutledge said. "He can shift the punter up to run the ball or he can shift the punter back to attempt to draw the opponents offsides. (Both strategies worked against Florida earlier this season.)

"He has it set up where either the first or second teams can punt, or we can use the regular punting team. He always tells us on third down what we're going to do."

Although punting is the area discussed most, Alabama spends a great deal of time on all phases of the game. Besides the various returns possible on punts and kickoffs to the Tide, Alabama routinely practices kickoffs, field goals and extra points plus the seldom seen safety kicking team and safety kick return team.

"We practice the kicking game three days a week and we'll get 40 to 60 minutes work per week," Rutledge said. "The basic kicking is taught during spring training, but we must get sharp every week and update our kicking game from the films. We rehearse what the opponents do and try to decide what we're going to do. . ."

Alabama's determination and pride in its kicking teams is probably best shown in the statistics.

It's no secret Alabama's opponents have a larger than normal chance at returning kickoffs, but it has been six long years since Notre Dame freshman Al Hunter returned a kickoff against Alabama in the 1973 Sugar Bowl. It hasn't happened since.

One has to go back to the 1971 Orange Bowl game against Nebraska to find a punt return for a touchdown. Johnny Rodgers returned one against the Tide that day.

No Alabama fan and surely no Auburn fan has to think long to remember the last time Alabama had a punt blocked. It was 1972 when Auburn blocked two to win 17-16, but no one has blocked one in the seven years since.

Alabama wins with its kicking games, too. No one who witnessed Bucky Berry's field goal in the final minute against unheralded Florida State in 1975 will doubt the importance of Alabama's kicking game.

Those who remember E. J. Junior blasting through to block one against Missouri last season also remember Rickey Gilliland scooping it up to score and make a rout of a dangerously close game.

"You never realize just how important the kicking game is," Rutledge said. "When you kick one that goes out at the one, you never know what would happened if he had returned it to the 40. That's the kind of things you don't see about the kicking game."

The perfect example of Alabama's kicking game is snapperback Barry

There are any number of parts to the kicking game and Alabama does all of them well. In recent seasons the Tide has been particularly adept at punt coverage. Here the Bama coverage puts an opponent in a tough spot, inside its own 10-yard line. Alabama uses top players on its kicking teams.

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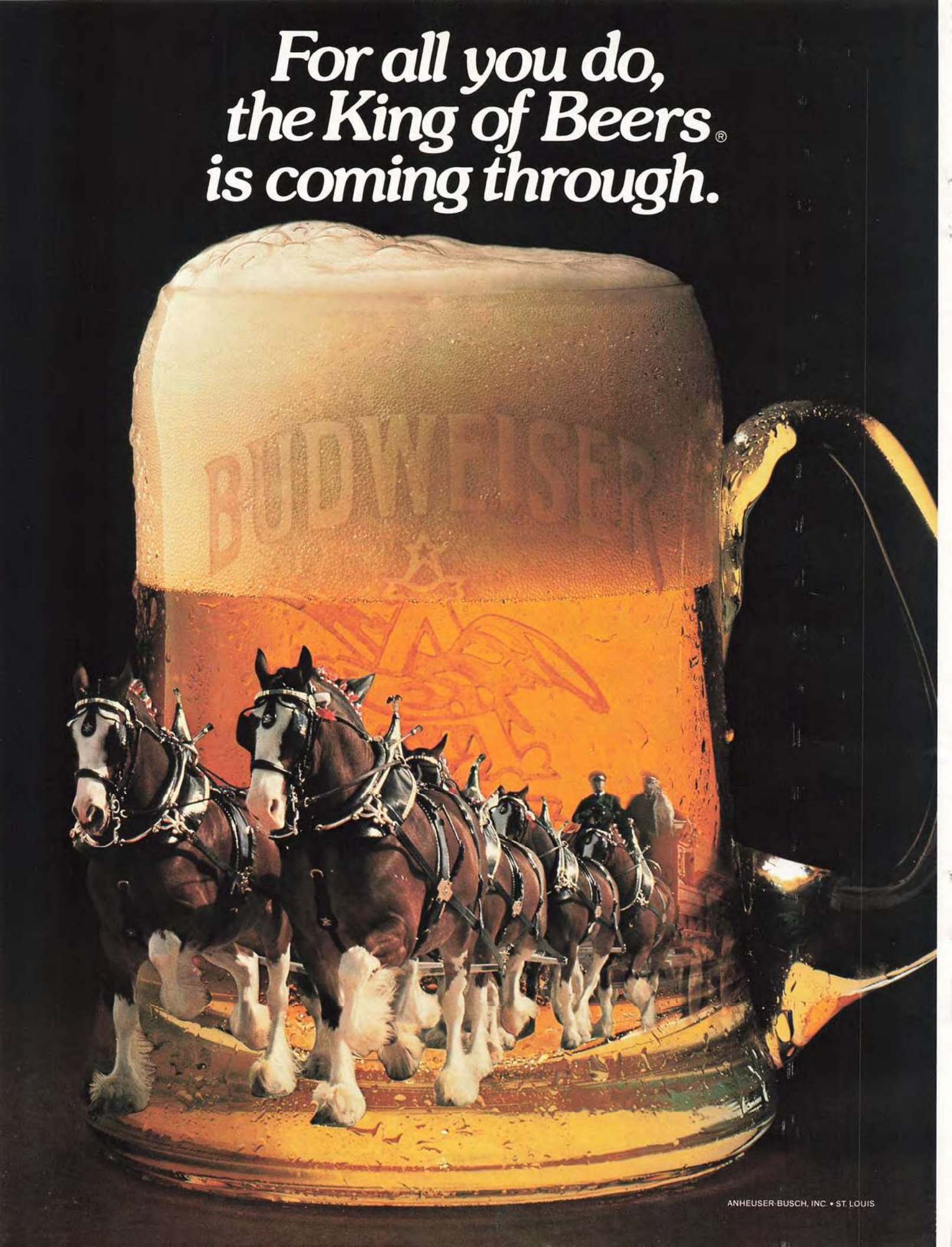
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Smith. He sees duty on Alabama's kicking teams only.

"I'm smart enough to know my job isn't the most important on the field, but I know I can lose a game faster than anybody else," Smith said.

"I can jack one into orbit in a close game and I know coach Bryant will be jacking me into orbit."

Smith, who was recruited as a kicker, found himself tied up in the rush and he became the main man on the specialty teams.

"After my redshirt year Alan McElroy was doing good and Sid Smith had left as snapperback so that's where I ended up. That's where I'm going to be, so I accept it and go at it with a lot of pride.

"Everybody goes at it with a lot of pride. It's one of the most important parts of the game."

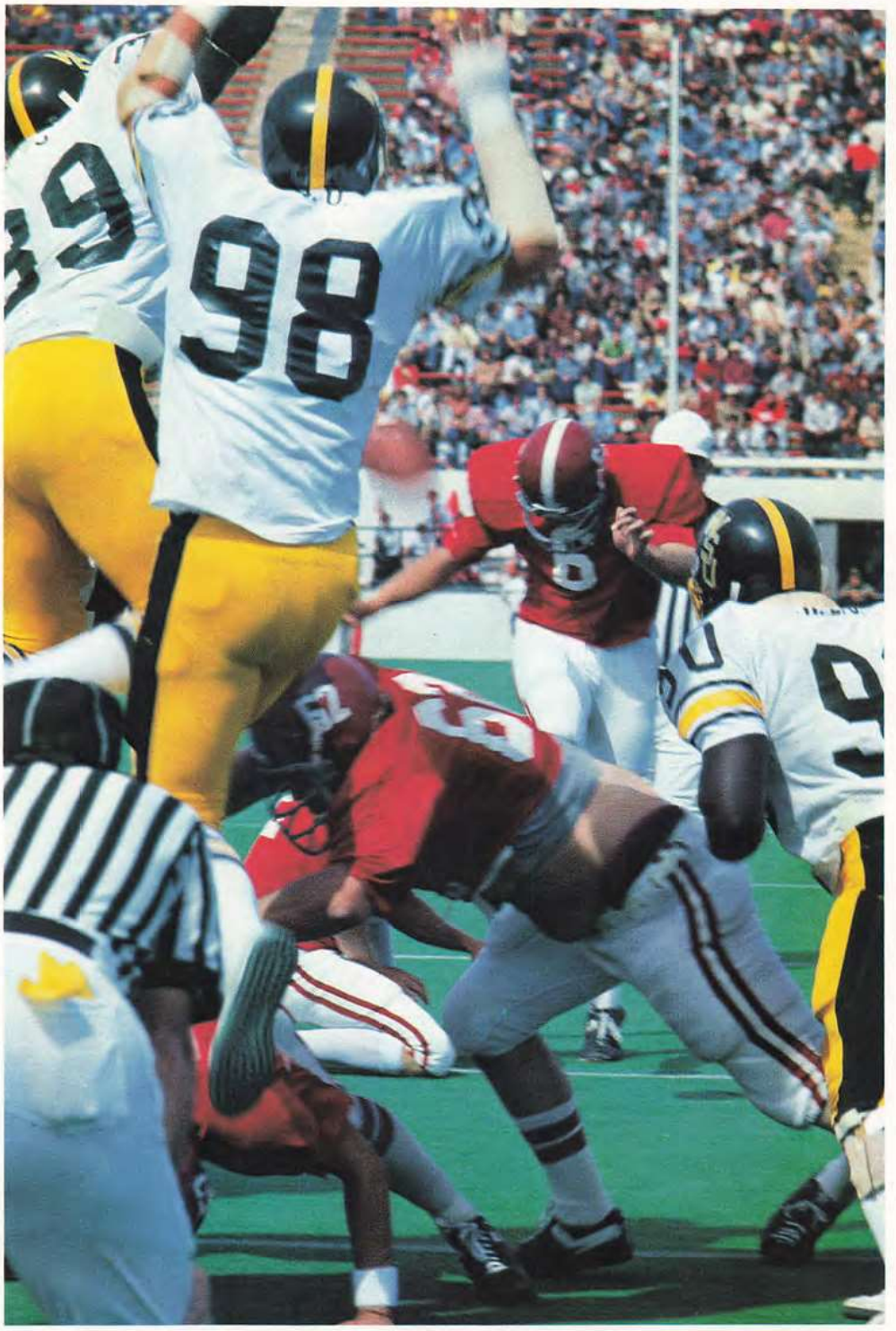
Smith figures he meets the meanest players on the football field.

"I know I do," he said. "Some of those guys the other teams put on the specialty teams are nearing being crazy. Against Vanderbilt for two years they put a guy 15 yards deep that got a running start just to hit me. It makes you think every time you snap it, I guarantee you. I've been hit on some punts and have been turned inside out."

Smith learned the importance of the kicking game at an early age.

"I went to the 1972 Alabama-Auburn game and sat with my dad in the pressbox (his dad, George Smith, was Sports Editor of the Anniston *Star*) . . . I'll never forget seeing Auburn blocking those punts and winning.

"I cried all the way home." ★



Everyone has a job to do well when the Bama specialty teams are on the field. Barry Smith makes a perfect snap, Woody Umphrey a perfect hold and Alan McElroy kicks it through, while offensive guard Scott Allison moves to knock a potential kick blocker out of the way.

—Joel Barnes Photo

The Sack

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There's no better pass defense than a sack of the quarterback. Alabama's pass defense this year ranks among the best in the nation, despite the fact that Tide opponents aren't having much success on the ground and therefore are trying to win through the air.

One of the reasons for the improved play in the secondary has been the much improved pass rush.

It's no secret that the quarterback is unlikely to complete a pass if he's running for his life or heading for a hard landing on the turf in his backfield, as this quarterback is under the considerable bulk of freshman defensive tackle Scott Homan (6-7, 243) of Elkhart, Indiana.

The quarterback sack gives the defense a lift, the offense a loss of down, loss of yards, and loss of confidence.

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WAYNE HAMILTON:

Giving His Mother Something To Brag About

by Mike Bolton

The words of Ella Hamilton hit close to the heart.

"You know you can come home, Wayne, but what are you going to do when you get here? You want to work the rest of your life? Wayne, honey, I'm begging you to stay. If you love me and want to please me, stay in college at Alabama."

Freshman Wayne Hamilton hung up the receiver in his room at Paul Bryant Hall and looked at his packed bags on the floor. He kicked one of them across the room.

He had been at Alabama less than a week and that had been enough for him. He missed his high school buddies. He missed his mother. He missed his dad. He missed his brothers and sisters. He missed the little hometown of Okahumpka, Florida. He missed everything that was away from Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

But what are you going to do when your mom asks you to stay, telling you it means more to her than anything in the world?

He had to have a plan.

"We got this call from Wayne a few days later and he said the doctors said he couldn't play anymore," Ella Hamilton recalls now with a laugh. "Wayne said the tissues in his arm had deteriorated or something. He said he hated it, but his football days were over.

"I was scared to death and worried about Wayne. Wayne's dad knows Wayne. He called the coach.

"The coach told my husband Wayne was hurt, but nothing that serious. The coach said Wayne had a great future in front of him. He said he was going to be a good one. He didn't have to tell me that, I already knew it."

Hamilton was smiling and thinking about home when the phone rang with a mad momma on the other end.

"Wayne, this is Momma," Ella said into the mouthpiece. "I know what's wrong with you, now. You're afraid. You've got up there at Alabama and there's some big ol' boys there and you're afraid of them. I've figured it out."

Those words hurt. Wayne said he was sorry about the whole mess and that he would stay until at least Christmas, then he wanted to transfer closer to home. "I promise I'll be here until Christmas," Hamilton said again as he hung up the phone.

"I didn't really mean that when I said it," Mrs. Hamilton said recently with another one of her throaty laughs. "I knew he had never been away from home and he was just a little homesick. Wayne had gotten out in the real world with the big guys and he was just a little lonesome and frightened. I knew he would be okay."

Around Christmas time Ella Hamilton got the call she had been waiting for.

"Wayne called up and said 'Tuscaloosa' this and 'Tuscaloosa' that—he was talking about that place up there like it was home or something."

The rest is history.

Wayne started the 1976 season at end for the Alabama junior varsity team and by the same time the next season he was a starter for the varsity. It was the fifth game of that season, against Southern Cal on October 8 to be exact, that Wayne Hamilton became a name to put beside the names of other Crimson Tide greats.

Thousands viewed the game personally in Los Angeles and millions more viewed it on national television via ABC, but other than Hamilton, probably Keith Jackson's live report of the game can better describe what happened than anyone else.

It was the fourth quarter and Alabama had driven the second half kickoff down for a score to go ahead 14-6. It was now Southern Cal's ball on its 20 and second down.

Jackson began the play casually:

"Hertel's going to the air, but the ball's knocked down by Alabama's defensive line. He caught it! I don't believe it! Alabama defensive end Wayne Hamilton caught the ball lying flat on his back! The Alabama team is going wild! I've got to see that one again myself!"

Hamilton wasn't through yet and neither was Southern Cal.

The Trojans brought terror into Alabama fans' hearts when they scored with just 39 seconds showing on the clock to fall a point behind at 21-20. The Trojans were going for the win with the two-point conversion attempt.

Hertel again dropped back to pass and Hamilton slammed into him as he threw the pass. The ball seemed to hang in the air forever before Alabama intercepted to end the game.

That day will probably be the biggest day in the life of Wayne Hamilton.

"I think everybody in the world was watching TV that day," Hamilton recalls now. "You can't imagine the calls and letters I got. It was just unbelievable.

"When it was all over I just sat by myself and thanked God that I stayed at the University of Alabama. It scares me

now to think what I'd be doing right now if I had left that week."

Wayne and loyal Alabama followers aren't the only ones that remember that day well.

"I must say that was the greatest moment in my life," Ella Hamilton said. "I think half the world was in our living room and all of them were scared out of their wits.

"I told them to be quiet. I said I had predicted just about everything else that had happened that day and something told me Wayne was going to knock down that boy with the ball. Was I right? That boy knew he had run into Wayne.

"Everybody was hugging each other and hollering. They were all fighting over who had talked Wayne into staying the most. It was something else.

"Every momma hopes for good things for her son and that was the greatest thing that has ever happened in my life. Sometimes a momma can't brag too much because it doesn't sound too nice, but I believe everybody in the world saw him on TV that day. I didn't have to do much bragging."

When the season ended, Wayne found himself a member of the All-SEC second team, second team All-America, second team academic All-America and first team academic All-SEC. Did that one game win all of those honors?

"I've heard people say it did, but I don't think it did," Hamilton said. "I had some pretty good games that season going into the Southern Cal game. I thought I had a good season all the way through.

"What the game did do was put a lot of pressure on me," Hamilton continued. "It gave me a lot of confidence, but it also made me scared a little. The thing was played up so much there was no way I could have a game like that every week.

"I didn't really do anything special for that game. I just happened to be in the right place at the right time. It could have happened to anybody."

Hamilton finished out the 1977 season as Alabama's sixth leading tackler with his 50 combined tackles. He threw opponents for 48 yards in losses, recovered two fumbles, broke up a pass and intercepted one.

Hamilton found 1978 nearly as good as his 43 tackles were good enough to win him first-team All-SEC honors and have him mentioned on several All-America teams. He threw opponents for 39 yards in losses, caused a fumble and broke up a pair of passes.

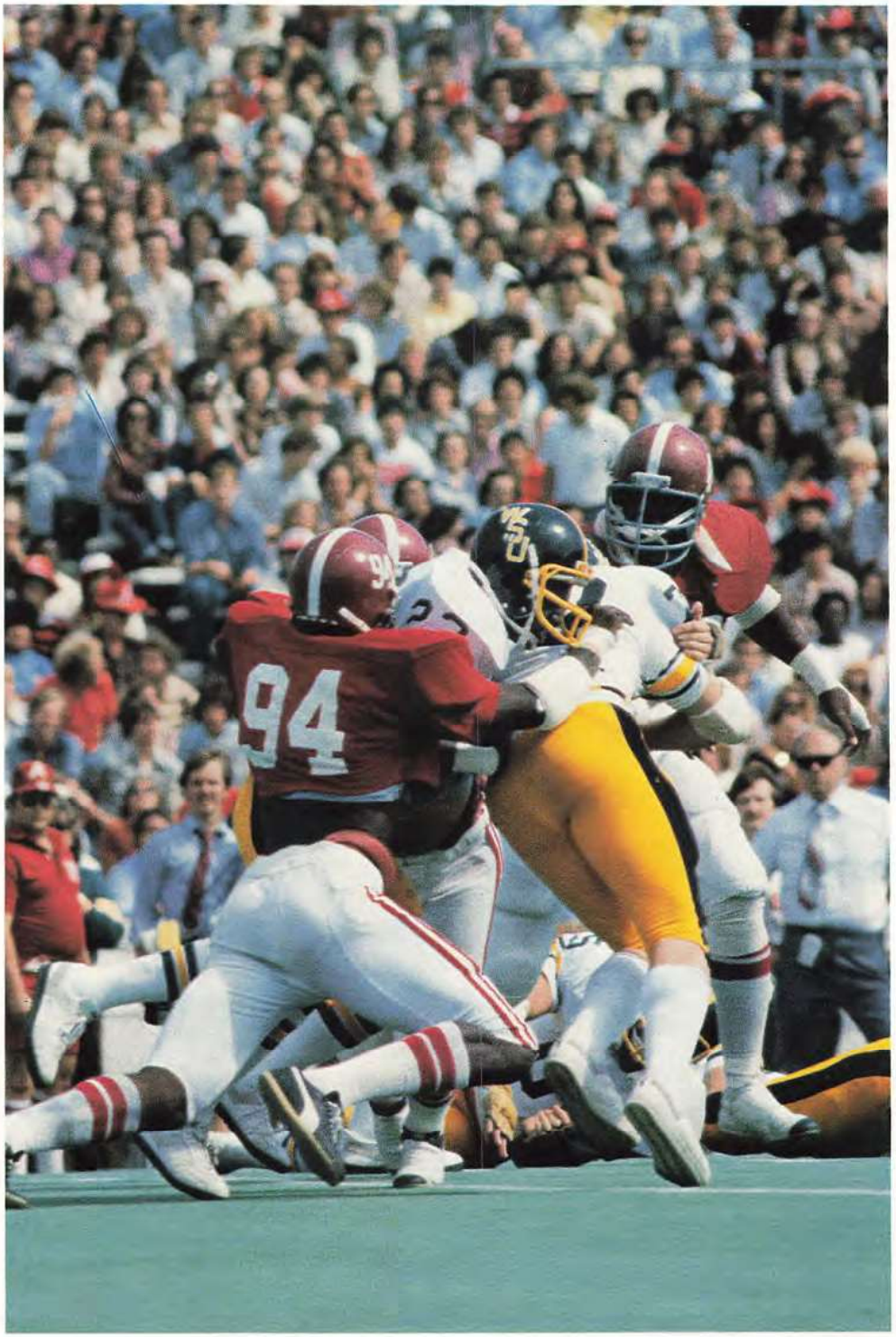
One of Hamilton's personal highlights of the 1978 season was having the Hamilton family present on several occasions. And when Momma and Poppa Hamilton bring Wayne's sister and six brothers, Wayne has his own cheering section and fan club.

"We're a close family," Wayne said. "I'm still referred to as the baby because I'm the youngest and I'll never live that down, but it makes for a lot of kidding.

"Two of my brothers were pretty good players and they played in college. One played at Florida A&M and he was an All-America halfback and Bob Hayes was the tailback. My other brother played at a small college and he was pretty good, too."

Hamilton was a tall, stringy-looking senior at Leesburg High School before Alabama ever took a serious look at him. Hamilton recalls Florida was interested in him as early as his sophomore year, but others never showed much interest until his senior year.

"It was funny," Hamilton said. "I had



Alabama defensive end Wayne Hamilton found himself homesick after being at Alabama as a freshman. Now he's found a home as a top performer on one of the nation's best football teams.
—Spectrum-Southeast Photo

my mind made up on Florida and then I started thinking about Alabama. I saw them on TV all the time and they always won when I saw them.

"Florida was talking about maybe winning a conference championship and Alabama was talking about winning a national championship. Florida had never won an SEC championship and Alabama was winning them all. The idea of a national championship was sounding pretty good.

"All the other schools were talking about football and football, but Alabama was asking me about my education and they wanted me to promise I would get an education and be something else besides a football player, too. Momma liked that one.

"I had played against Scott Brantley and Tyrone Young in high school and I talked to them. Brantley said he had narrowed it down to Florida and Alabama and I told him I had done the same thing. I didn't hear much from Florida at the last because they assumed they had me. They almost fainted when I signed with Alabama.

"I put all of Alabama's talk to the test when I had so many problems my freshman year. I called up the coach that recruited me and told him I had some problems. I couldn't believe how much attention he gave me. I really thought a lot of those things they were saying might be talk, but they weren't."

Hamilton entered the 1979 season knowing there would be no Southern Cal or even a comparable team to show off against. Wayne doesn't let that affect his style, however.

"Coach Bryant tells us that every game we play is either for an SEC championship or for a national championship and that's right when you think about it," Hamilton said. "One little bad game, whether you lose it or not, can hurt you.

"And what a lot of people don't realize is that just about everybody on this team is fighting to keep his job. You think he's going to get overconfident? No way. There are a lot of defensive ends on this team and coach Bryant will start who he thinks is doing the best job at the time. He's not really that choosy and he doesn't play favorites."

Hamilton got another chance to answer a question that he is asked about every day. His answer was not the usual run of the mill patterned answer.

"What's the hardest thing about playing for coach Bryant?"

"The hardest thing is what he has done," Hamilton said. "He has everybody in the United States wanting to beat him. Some teams would swap a loss in every game on the schedule for a win against Alabama.

"A team that hasn't been having a good season knows they can make people forget about them having a bad record if they beat Alabama.

"Playing for coach Bryant means having a lot of pressure on you all the time. Everybody just assumes you'll win every game here. It is just expected.

"Other schools say they have a tough game and their fans say they will have to play good to win. Here they say we'll have to play real bad to lose."★

Crimson Tide defensive end Wayne Hamilton has a knack for sorting out the interference and getting to the man with the football when it counts. Wayne is quick and strong and has been a big play man in his Alabama career.
—Spectrum-Southeast Photo

FUTURE TIDE SCHEDULES

THE 1980 SEASON

Sept. 13—Georgia Tech, home
Sept. 20—Mississippi, away
Sept. 27—Vanderbilt, home
Oct. 4—Kentucky, home
Oct. 11—Rutgers, away
Oct. 18—Tennessee, away
Oct. 25—Southern Miss, home
Nov. 1—Mississippi State, away
Nov. 8—Louisiana State, home
Nov. 15—Notre Dame, home
Nov. 29—Auburn, Birmingham

THE 1981 SEASON

Sept. 12—Georgia Tech, home
Sept. 19—Kentucky, away
Sept. 26—Vanderbilt, away
Oct. 3—Mississippi, home
Oct. 10—Southern Miss, home
Oct. 17—Tennessee, home
Oct. 24—Rutgers, home
Oct. 31—Mississippi State, home
Nov. 7—Louisiana State, away
Nov. 14—Penn State, away
Nov. 28—Auburn, Birmingham

THE 1982 SEASON

Sept. 11—Georgia Tech, away
Sept. 18—Mississippi, away
Sept. 25—Vanderbilt, home
Oct. 2—Southern Miss, home
Oct. 9—Penn State, home
Oct. 16—Tennessee, away
Oct. 23—Cincinnati, home
Oct. 30—Mississippi State, away
Nov. 6—Louisiana State, home
Nov. 20—Rutgers, away
Nov. 27—Auburn, Birmingham

THE 1983 SEASON

Sept. 10—Georgia Tech, away
Sept. 17—Mississippi, home
Sept. 24—Vanderbilt, away
Oct. 1—Pending
Oct. 8—Penn State, away
Oct. 15—Tennessee, home
Oct. 22—Boston College, home
Oct. 29—Mississippi State, home
Nov. 5—Louisiana State, away
Nov. 12—Southern Miss, home
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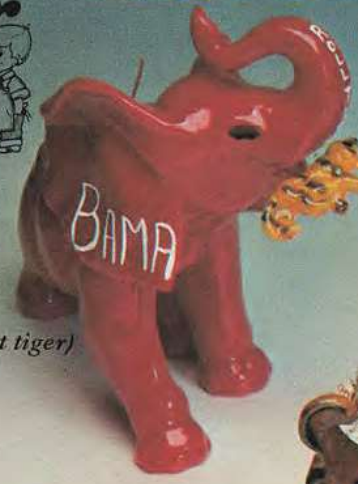

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MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS

by Kirk McNair

Alabama fans are used to those teacher vs. pupil confrontations that put Crimson Tide head coach Paul Bryant across the field from one of his former players or assistant coaches. There's a remote twist on that somewhat familiar situation this week when the Mississippi State Bulldogs invade Bryant-Denny Stadium in hopes of ending a generation-long losing streak.

No, coach Bryant didn't play for Mississippi State coach Emory Bellard. And the Mississippi State coach was only 15 years old when coach Bryant became a head man over 35 years ago, so coach Bryant wasn't an assistant under coach Bellard, either. So what's the connection?

Bellard is generally considered the man who devised the wishbone offense when he was an assistant coach at Texas in 1968. The Longhorns made immediate good use of the offense and three years later coach Bryant and his good friend Darrell Royal got together so that Alabama might make use of the formation.

As everyone knows, Alabama has been one of the most successful teams in the nation since going to the formation in 1971. And the Crimson Tide is also considered to be the most innovative wishbone offensive team.

Now Bellard will try to become the first coach since Wade Walker in 1957 to defeat Alabama. Paul Davis, Charley Shira and Bob Tyler all failed in that quest. State took a 25-13 victory on October 26, 1957. Not too many of the players on the field would have been born then.

Mississippi State suffered through part of the early season with injuries, came to life in a big way with a crushing victory over Tennessee and then was almost helpless as injury after injury forced a

No one at the University of Alabama needs to be reminded of the talents of Mississippi State wide receiver Mardye McDole of Mobile, Alabama. McDole is one of the fastest and best in the nation and had a big day against his homestate university last year.

revamping of the depth chart. Probably because of the constant shift in personnel, the Bulldogs were also plagued by turnovers.

Here's looking at the Mississippi State personnel:

Mississippi State's running back corps has been decimated by injury this year. Stanley Howell, a senior from Guntersville, Alabama, is expected to be in the starting lineup at halfback for the Bulldogs.

OFFENSE

Not surprisingly, the Bulldogs operate out of the wishbone offense as created by coach Bellard. However, in some passing situations the State offense calls for substitution of a tight end with a wide receiver. And as Bama fans, players and coaches remember, the Bulldogs showed last year in a 456-yard passing performance that they have the receivers.

Quarterback: Take your pick, Black or Brown. A pair of juniors, Tony Black and Dwayne Brown, have been splitting starting duties and playing time for the Bulldogs this year. Black is generally considered to be the best passer, while Brown is more dangerous as a runner, but both are talented quarterbacks.

Split End: No one in the Alabama camp needs reminding of talented Mardye McDole of Mobile, Alabama. McDole is generally considered to be among the nation's top receivers. Against the Tide last year he pulled in nine passes for 168 yards. McDole, 6-0, 195 and a junior, has averaged about 20 yards per catch for his career. Behind him is Glenn Young, a 6-3, 190-pound freshman.

Tight End: Bo Myrick, a 6-5, 215-pound junior, also enjoyed himself against Alabama last year, picking up 58 yards on four receptions. He's backed by Jerry Price, a 6-4 freshman.

Flanker: Actually another split end, in passing situations the Bulldogs will sub a wideout for the tight end and it will usually be David Ellis (three catches for 81 yards against the Tide last year), although Otis Lockhart will also see duty here.

Left Halfback: James Jones, a 5-11, 200-pound senior speedster, is State's leading rusher, although he has missed some playing time with injuries. He has breakaway speed and a knack for finding the end zone. Junior Jesse Maxwell backs Jones.

Right Halfback: James Otis Doss should be in this spot, but he's missed most of the year with an injured knee and is considered doubtful for Alabama. In his place is speedy Stanley Howell, a senior from Guntersville, Alabama. Also seeing duty at this spot is freshman Michael Haddix. A three-year starter at this position, Len Copeland, suffered a knee injury against Tennessee and is out for the year.

Fullback: Fred Collins, a 6-3, 240-pound junior, is the leader at this position, but he's being pushed by soph speedster Donald Ray King (although King, too, has missed time with injuries this year).

Tackles: Starters Roman Grace on the left side and Alan Hartlein on the right are back for their second seasons as first teamers and both are 250-pounders. Grace is backed by George May, a senior working on his third letter, and Hartlein is spelled by David Premont, who played at Livingston University before transferring to State and earning two letters.

Guards: Another spot where the starters return, and both are juniors. Matt Edwards (6-2, 225) starts on the left side, Alan Massey (6-4, 245) is number one on the left. Senior Anthony Jenkins backs up Edwards, while Freshman Wayne Harris has moved up to number two behind Massey.

Center: A real problem spot for Mississippi State since starter Bill Bell got hurt in the early going (and probably earning a hardship redshirt season). Kent Hull, a freshman, was considered no better than number three when the season opened, but has performed well since being thrust into the spot. Hull is 6-6, 220. He's backed by a redshirted freshman, Gene Berry.

DEFENSE

Mississippi State uses a four-man front with three linebackers in an umbrella defense. And don't doubt for a minute that the defensive front line doesn't have a pro look. They are big with a capital B. State is inexperienced only in the secondary.

Ends: Junior Tyrone Keyes (6-7, 255), who started at tackle last year, is now number one at left end, while sophomore Glen Collins (6-6, 245) is the starter on the right side. Both are considered All-SEC candidates. They are backed by redshirted freshman Buzz Goodson and true freshman Earnie Barnes.

Tackles: Lonnie Greene has won three

letters as an offensive lineman prior to this season and now the 6-5, 255-pounder is starting at right tackle. Keith Jackson (6-4, 245) played at both defensive tackle and noseguard in State's five-man front last year and now mans the left side. They are backed by seniors Chuck Maier and Jackie McCorvey.

Linebackers: Mississippi State lost perhaps its best football player in the opening game of the season when linebacker Johnnie Cooks went down with a knee injury. He was replaced by freshman Bo Robertson, who suffered a shoulder injury in the next game, although Robertson is expected back for Alabama. The starter at middle linebacker the past few weeks has been 6-1, 210-pound soph Curtis Hill. Don Edwards (6-1, 215, junior) was a starting defensive end last year and was a key shift in this year's defensive alignment as he moved to left linebacker. He's backed by senior Glenn Buford. Rusty Martin returns as a starter at the right linebacker spot and last year as a soph he was in on 12 tackles against Alabama. His relief man is redshirted freshman Mike McEnany.

Secondary: Kenny Johnson at free safety is State's top defensive back and the only starter back in the secondary. He's backed by freshman Lawrence Evans. The cornerbacks are Willie Jackson, a junior, and Don Burrell, a senior from Parker High in Birmingham. They are backed by lettermen David Bean and Larry Friday. The strong safety is Rob Fesmire, who is ahead of former quarterback Clint Turnipseed.

KICKING GAME

A freshman, Dana Moore, has taken over the punting job for State this year and has been very effective with long, high kicks that have prevented serious return problems for the Bulldogs. The placekicker is Danny Brown on field goal and extra point attempts, while Jerry Rye handles the kickoffs. Brown is a transfer from Illinois, while Rye is a freshman.

Kenny Johnson or Mardye McDole will handle State's single safety spot on punt returns, while James Jones and McDole and possibly James Otis will be involved on kickoff returns from double safety.

THE SERIES

With 21 straight victories, Bama has built up a commanding 50-10-3 record in this series, which has not been as easy as the record might indicate. Bama and State have played since 1896 on a fairly regular basis, every year except 1944 (when World War II prevented competition) since 1939.

YOU'RE THE COACH

An examination of the statistics leads one quickly to the conclusion that the Alabama-Mississippi State game will be a ground battle. Both wishbone offensive teams are far more likely to run the football than pass it. Both run very well, both pass infrequently and without a great deal of success.

1979 Cumulative Statistics

	BAMA	MSU
TEAM OFFENSE		
Rushes attempted	494	374
Yards gained	2717	2169
Yards lost	132	197
Net yards gained	2585	1972
Avg. gain per rush	5.2	5.1
Touchdowns	32	14
Passes attempted	69	86
Passes completed	34	30
Passes intercepted	5	9
Percentage	.492	.349
Total yards	552	529
Touchdowns	3	4
Passes caught	34	30
Total yards	552	529
Avg. gain per catch	16.2	17.6
Touchdowns	3	4
TEAM DEFENSE		
Rushes attempted	248	345
Yards gained	906	1344
Yards lost	237	205
Net yards gained	669	1139
Touchdowns	2	9
Passes attempted	132	131
Passes completed	52	60
Passes intercepted	17	10
Percentage	.394	.458
Total yards	536	779
Touchdowns	2	3
PUNTING		
Number	25	33
Yards	969	1316
Avg.	38.8	39.9
Longest	70	58
FUMBLES/LOST	28/12	32/17
PENALTIES/ YARDS	27/232	43/379

INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE

Rushing	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
(BAMA) Shealy	69	412	5.9	8	64
(BAMA) Jacobs	64	394	6.2	2	73
(BAMA) Ogilvie	59	345	5.8	8	26
(BAMA) Whitman	68	332	4.9	3	16
(MSU) Dw. Brown	65	356	5.5	1	61
(MSU) F. Collins	59	258	4.4	3	42
(MSU) Howell	32	226	7.1	2	98
(MSU) Haddix	23	195	8.5	4	47

Passing	PA	PC	PI	YDS	%	TD
(BAMA) Shealy	45	26	3	398	.578	2
(BAMA) Jacobs	19	7	2	141	.368	1
(MSU) Dw. Brown	40	13	3	163	.325	1
(MSU) Black	31	11	6	209	.355	2

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
(BAMA) Pugh	13	231	17.7	1
(BAMA) Clark	5	79	15.8	0
(BAMA) Travis	4	68	17.0	1
(MSY) McDole	10	241	24.1	3
(MSU) Ellis	4	75	18.8	0

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE

Tackles	Solo	Assisted	Total
(BAMA) Boyd	41	16	57
(BAMA) Scott	27	4	31
(BAMA) Wilcox	24	7	31
(BAMA) Hamilton	16	15	31
(BAMA) Braggs	25	5	30
(MSU) K. Johnson	46	24	70
(MSU) K. Jackson	47	16	63
(MSU) D. Edwards	35	34	69

Interceptions	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
(BAMA) R. Jones	3	18	6.0	0
(BAMA) McNeal	3	12	4.0	0
(BAMA) Wilcox	3	9	3.0	0
(BAMA) Bob Smith	2	0	0.0	0
(BAMA) Tucker	2	0	0.0	0
(BAMA) 5 others	5	72	14.4	1
(MSU) D. Edwards	3	52	17.3	0
(MSU) Fesmire	3	12	4.0	0
(MSU) K. Johnson	1	25	25.0	0

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS:

Moving Up The Ladder

by Gay Sievers

The general outlook for this year in the women's sports program is exciting. Most of the eight teams had excellent recruiting seasons and each coach anticipates progress up the ladder of winning at the state, region and national levels.

In the fall, cross country and volleyball play complete schedules with their national championships during the fall semester. Golf and tennis play a limited fall schedule, then continue competition in the spring and early summer.

Basketball, gymnastics and swimming/diving have several events toward the end of the fall semester, but most of their season and their post season championships are in the early spring.

Track and field have a limited indoor schedule, then move outdoors for the spring season.

Cross Country

The team which won the regional championship for Alabama in 1978 returned for this year and coach John Mitchell added quality for the new season.

The seven runners who carried the Tide to an 18th place finish in the national championship are strengthened by four new runners. This year's team has posted second, third and fourth place finishes in its three events thus far.

The incoming runners are equalling the times of our present team, so each runner is working hard for each week's meet.

The team should successfully defend its regional title Saturday, and hopes to move up in the national standings.

"The secret will be to take these outstanding individual performers and mold them into a competitive team who can do the job," said assistant coach Barry Colburn.

Senior Alabama diver Cindy Riddell has already won national recognition for past performances and heads up a veteran group of performers on this year's Bama women's team.

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Last year distance runners and field event women led the Alabama women's track and field team to prominence. All national scorers, as senior Sue Jackson, return this year, but the Tide has also strengthened itself in sprints and hurdles.
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Volleyball

"The team is young with raw talent," said coach Stephanie Schleuder. "The excitement is the anticipation of what the raw talent can be molded into. Hopefully, they will become the best volleyball team that Alabama has had."

More talent than ever for volleyball met in Foster Auditorium in late August, but the secret is to develop them into a unit. The ultimate goal is to qualify for the national championship for the fourth year. Alabama with its 22 wins and four loss record is working hard to accomplish that goal.

"We had an excellent recruiting year and that was needed to replace the five starters lost from last year's squad," said Schleuder.

The Tide is favored to win its fourth consecutive state title, but the region championship will be up for grabs as Ole Miss, Florida State and Miami have strong, experienced squads.

"Since Alabama is hosting the regional championship, I hope we get the home court advantage, but play will be tough," said Schleuder.

Basketball

Coach Ed Nixon, beginning his third season at Alabama, said, "We got good recruits from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Pennsylvania, but we'll be inexperienced as we have no seniors.

"We're getting closer to the 'run and gun' type of game I like, but we're not going to break into the top in the nation this year.

"We have height—six players are over 5'10" and we did not sacrifice quickness to get that height.

"We are more mobile than my previous teams at Alabama and we got a fiery, running playmaker. With our size, we will be better on the boards," concluded Nixon.

The recruits added the elements needed to be a good team which will defend its three straight state championships. But how good will depend on the competitive ability of some freshmen and that is hard to predict.

Gymnastics

The gymnastics team is young with seven freshmen coming from all over the East coast. They are attracted to the program by the vivacious and talented second year coach, Sarah Campbell who in one year built a reputation in the Southeast that is attracting quality gymnasts.

Ann Wood, the all-around Alabama individual champion and eighth place finisher in Region 3 last year, is one of only two returning athletes from the 1979 team which finished third place in the state championship and fifth in the region championship.

Five of the new gymnasts and Wood are Class I gymnasts which is a higher skill level than previously seen by Alabama fans. These athletes will be doing twisting floor moves and vaulting

somersaults which have sparked the national television audience since the 1972 Olympic Games.

Alabama will host the Region 3 championship in March and will be moving upward in both state and region competition. Coach Campbell predicts only a two to three point separation in the final region scores as Georgia, Florida, Jacksonville State and Alabama battle for the title.

Swimming

The team is young and improving. The swimmers who scored the points at nationals last March were predominantly freshmen and they gained valuable experience last year.

The Tide team finished in 11th place at the national championship and won both the Southern Intercollegiate Championship and the Region 3 title.

Don Gambril, internationally known coach of the Alabama men's team, took command of the women's program last summer. Gambril has all of last year's team returning and has several outstanding sprinters joining the team this year.

"We will continue to march to the nation's top ten," said Gambril, "by continuing to get quality athletes. We want to be better each year and with the young team we have now we will continue to improve."

Diving

The diving team under Bob Webster is returning in total for the 1979-80 season. Senior Cindy Riddell, junior Ann Reddy and sophomore Barbara Logan bring experience and enthusiasm to a much overlooked sport.

In 1978 and 1979, the women divers won All-American status at the national championship four times.

"With the experience and the training this year, we expect to be much higher in the national standings next spring," said Webster.

Golf

"I anticipate a solid team with last year's golfers returning, but the new recruits will make the difference" said coach Conrad Rehling.

A renowned professional teacher, Rehling now heads both the men's and women's programs for the Tide.

The team began its fall season with two fourth place finishes against tough competition at the Susie Maxwell Berning Invitational at Oklahoma and the Lady Seminole at Florida State.

Junior Peggy Kirsch, who finished ninth at the national championship last June, will lead five returning players who were 18th in the nation and won the Michigan State Invitational last fall.

"I am excited for the chance to direct these returning golfers, the new recruits and the walk-ons, because I know we can have a winning team," said Rehling.

Tennis

Doctoral candidate Mark Heinrich begins his second year as the head coach for the women's team. He swung that magic recruiting racket last spring and got nine new players for the 1979-80 campaign.

"New faces and prime talent," was the description of the roster by Heinrich.

The freshmen will join four returning players to form the new look of Tide tennis. The top singles positions will be strengthened by five nationally-ranked players. The doubles teams which scored 62 victories last season will be even harder to beat this year.

The advantage for our team is tournament experience," said Heinrich. "The new players have travelled the summer national circuit of junior tournaments for most of their playing careers."

The team began its fall season with two straight dual match wins against no losses and a third place finish at the Blue Raider Classic at Middle Tennessee behind powerful South Carolina and North Carolina.

Track and Field

"All athletes are returning and we have plugged the holes we had in the 1979 team," said assistant coach Barry Colburn.

"We did not have large numbers of athletes last year, so we were missing some athletes in some events, but we have depth now. We have added quality for back up and we have filled the holes in the hurdles and the quarter mile."

In 1979, the distance runners and field event athletes carried the team in several meets. That is not the prediction for 1980.

Both of these groups are solid as all of the national qualifiers return for this season, but solid performers are entering Alabama track in the sprints and middle distances, too.

"We will be an all-around team with all three segments—field events, sprinters and distance runners—scoring points for the team title this year," said Colburn.

Basically, the women's sports program has excellent coaches and young eager athletes ready to make their sport at Alabama the best in the state, region and nation.

Alabama junior basketball star Glenda Boss goes for a basket in a game at Foster Auditorium. Bama will be taller and faster this year.

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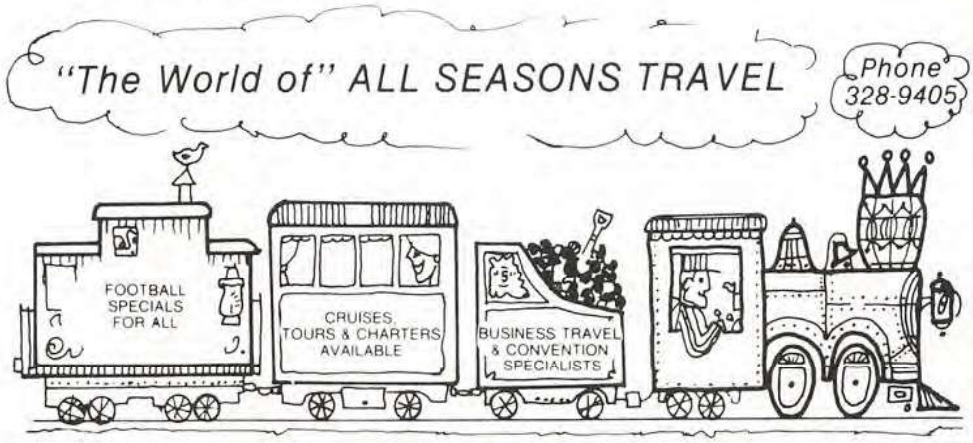
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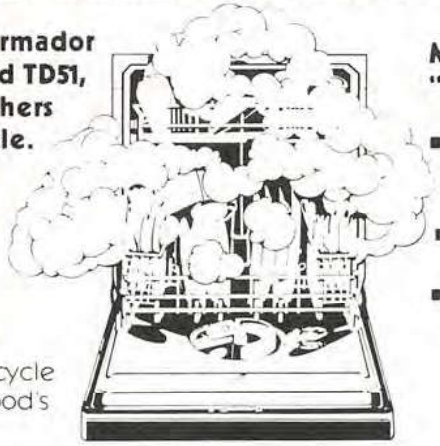

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Sept. 8	30 at Georgia Tech 6				
Sept. 15		26 KANSAS STATE 18	10 at Houston 14	21 WAKE FOREST 22	14 MIAMI (OH.) 15
Sept. 22	45 BAYLOR (B)* 0	31 S. MISS 9	7 GEORGIA TECH 7	7 at Clemson 12	10 at Indiana 18
Sept. 29	66 at Vanderbilt 3	17 at Tennessee 35	10 at Miss. State 24	20 S. CAROLINA 27	14 MARYLAND 7
Oct. 6	38 WICHITA STATE (T) 0	44 N.C. STATE 31	3 at LSU 20	24 at Ole Miss 21	6 at W. Virginia 10
Oct. 13	40 at Florida 0	52 VANDERBILT 35	0 ALABAMA 40	21 LSU 14	14 OLE MISS 3
Oct. 20	27 TENNESSEE (B) 17	38 at Georgia Tech 14		31 at Vanderbilt 10	19 at LSU 23
Oct. 27	31 VIRGINIA TECH (T) 7	38 at Wake Forest 42	10 TULSA 20	20 KENTUCKY 6	6 at Georgia 20
Nov. 3	MISSISSIPPI ST. (T)	FLORIDA	at Auburn	VIRGINIA	BOWLING GREEN
Nov. 10	at LSU	MISSISSIPPI ST.	GEORGIA (J)**	at Florida (J)**	at Vanderbilt
Nov. 17	MIAMI (T)	at Georgia	KENTUCKY	AUBURN	at Florida
Nov. 24					TENNESSEE
Dec. 1	AUBURN (B)	ALABAMA (B)	at Miami	at Georgia Tech	

DATE	LSU	OLE MISS	MISS. STATE	TENNESSEE	VANDERBILT
Sept. 8			13 MEMPHIS ST. (J)# 14		
Sept. 15	44 at Colorado 0	38 at Memphis St. 34		28 at Boston College 16	13 at Indiana 44
Sept. 22	47 RICE 3	7 MISSOURI (J)¢ 33	14 at Maryland 35	51 UTAH 18	14 CITADEL 27
Sept. 29	12 SOUTHERN CAL 17	8 S. MISS. (J) 38	24 FLORIDA (J) 10	35 AUBURN 17	3 ALABAMA 66
Oct. 6	20 FLORIDA 3	21 GEORGIA (O) 24	28 TENNESSEE (M) 9	9 at Miss. St. (M) 9	14 at Tulane 42
Oct. 13	14 at Georgia 21	3 at Kentucky 14	6 at Florida St. 17	31 GEORGIA TECH 0	35 at Auburn 52
Oct. 20	23 KENTUCKY 19	14 at S. Carolina 21	48 MARSHALL (S) 0	17 at Alabama (B) 27	10 GEORGIA 31
Oct. 27	19 FLORIDA STATE 24	63 VANDERBILT (O) 28	7 S. MISS. (S) 21		28 at Ole Miss (O) 63
Nov. 3	at Ole Miss	LSU (J)	at Alabama (T)	RUTGERS	MEMPHIS ST.
Nov. 10	ALABAMA	at Tulane	at Auburn	NOTRE DAME	KENTUCKY
Nov. 17	MISSISSIPPI ST.	TENNESSEE (J)	at LSU	at Ole Miss (J)	at Air Force
Nov. 24	at Tulane	at Miss. St. (J)	OLE MISS (J)	at Kentucky	
Dec. 1				VANDERBILT	at Tennessee

1979 STANDINGS	Conference	Overall
Georgia	4-0-0	4-3-0
Alabama	3-0-0	7-0-0
Mississippi State	2-0-0	3-4-0
LSU	2-1-0	4-3-0
Auburn	1-1-0	5-2-0
Tennessee	1-2-0	4-2-0
Kentucky	1-2-0	2-5-0
Ole Miss	1-2-0	2-5-0
Florida	0-3-0	0-5-1
Vanderbilt	0-4-0	0-7-0

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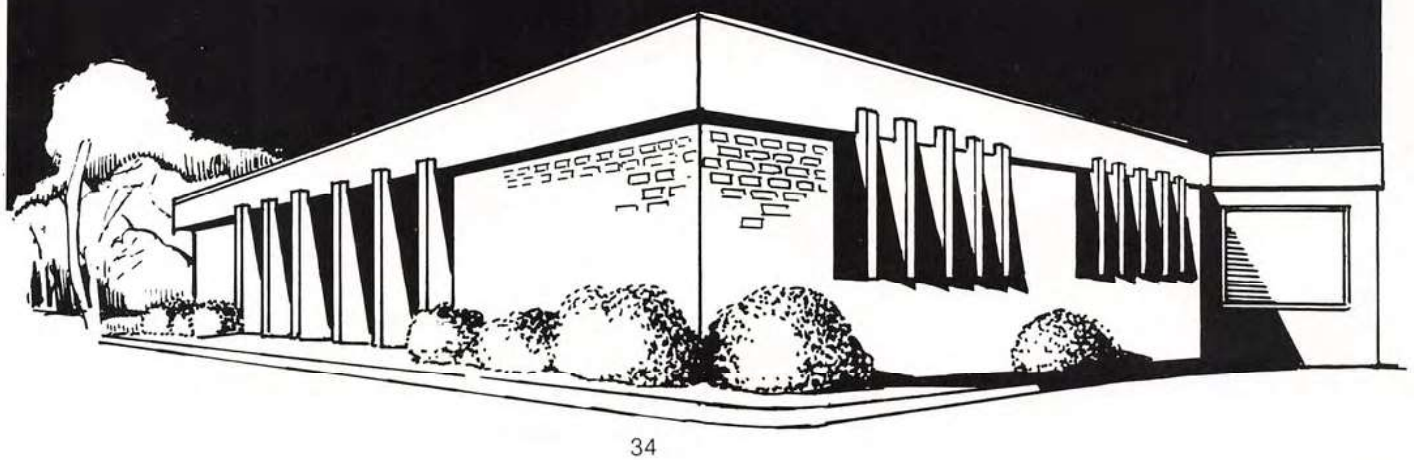

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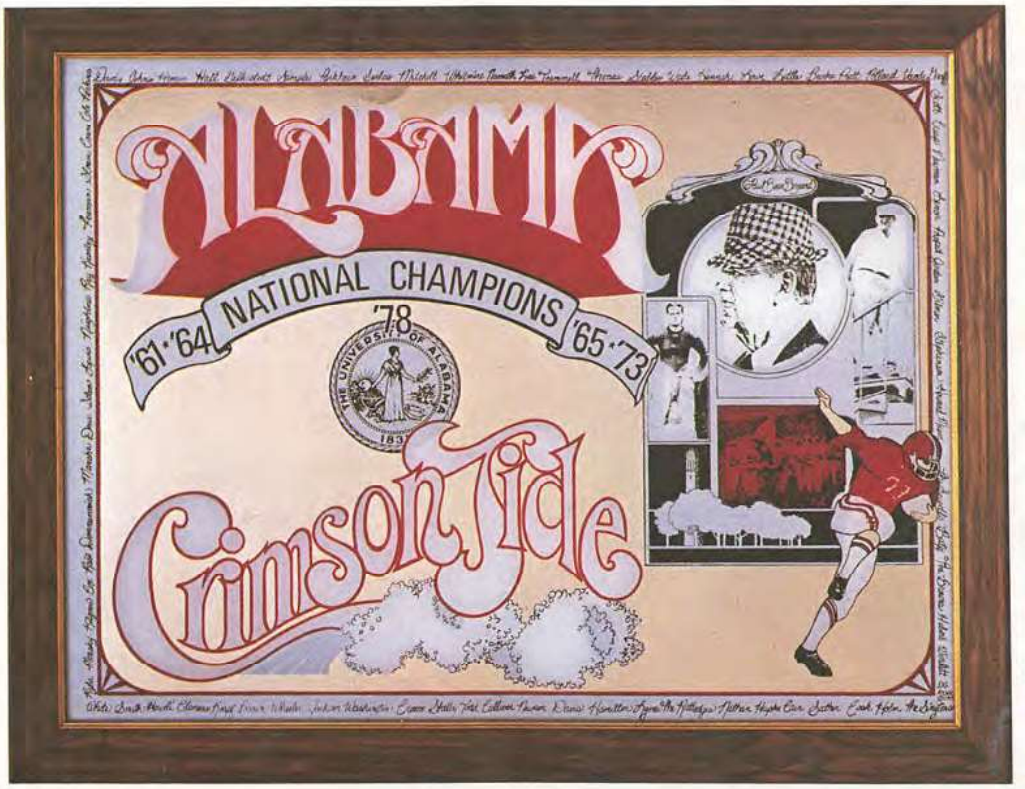

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